

Milwaukee County

Supervisor Patricia Jursik, 8th District

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EXTEND THE LAKE PARKWAY TO SERVE GROWING SOUTH SHORE COMMUNITIES

Supervisor Jursik's resolution earns unanimous approval from County Board Committee

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Patricia Jursik has introduced a resolution to study extending the Lake Parkway/Highway 794 corridor to provide more access to the southeastern sections of Milwaukee County. The County Board's Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee approved the resolution this morning on a 6-0 vote. South Milwaukee Mayor Thomas Zepecki, Cudahy Chamber of Commerce President and former Cudahy Mayor Ray Glowacki, South Milwaukee Chamber President Bryan Lorentzen, and St. Francis Chamber President Cherri Franz attended the meeting to express their support for the resolution.

"The Lake Parkway feeds into the Hoan Bridge and the entire Interstate freeway system in Wisconsin," Supervisor Jursik said. "The 794 highway is our gateway to Milwaukee and beyond. We must do everything we can to enhance the seamless transport of people and goods through this corridor."

The resolution calls for the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Committee (SEWRPC) to create a study committee to investigate the feasibility and desirability of extending the Lake Parkway to Ryan Road or to Racine County. The resolution also requests that the cities of St. Francis, Cudahy, South Milwaukee Oak Creek and Milwaukee notify SEWRPC that they support the study, the results of which will be provided to Milwaukee County and all affected municipalities.

"We have seen significant population growth in our south shore communities, and the Lake Parkway provides direct access to Cudahy at Pennsylvania Avenue, St. Francis at Howard Avenue, Milwaukee at Oklahoma Avenue and Carferry Drive, and all three cities at Layton Avenue." Supervisor Jursik added. "The City of Oak Creek, General Mitchell International Airport, the Port of Milwaukee, and major employers in the south shore all stand to benefit from enhancing this corridor."

"We are following the proper channels by doing the appropriate planning, seeking input from SEWRPC and communicating with impacted communities. This public process was ignored by those pushing to replace the Hoan Bridge."